

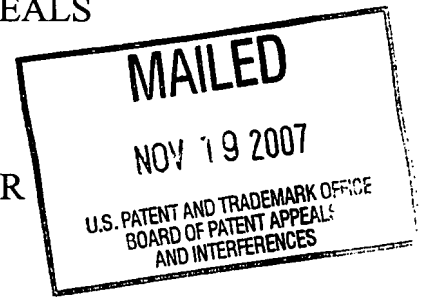
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte CHRISTOPHER HOFMEISTER
and ROBERT T. CAVENEY

Application 10/624,987

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER



This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 11, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on December 2, 2005. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statements submitted or notified applicants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being electronically returned to the Examiner for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 2, 2005 and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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